

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: SENV, TOCY, EWWT, US, PN, MX, CS, NU, CO  
SUBJ: WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION: CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON  
SEA LEVEL CANAL STUDY UPDATE

REF: STATE 156227

1. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOC WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY AND WITH INTEREST ON UPDATING OF 1970 INTEROCEANIC CANAL STUDY, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO POTENTIAL ROUTES THROUGH COLOMBIA. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT LPEZ NOTED IN A SPEECH LAST MONTH THAT EARLIER STUDIES HAD SHOWN THE COLOMBIAN ROUTES TO BE BOTH TECHNICALLY AND POLITICALLY UNFEASIBLY, BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT TURBAY ARE KNOWN TO FAVOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHOCO REGION.

2. DURING VISIT TO BOGOTA LAST DECEMBER, SENATOR GRAVEL BRIEFED PRESIDENT LOPEZ ON A PANAMA SEA LEVEL CANAL PROJECT. WHILE THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROJECT, HE MADE NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION OR SUPPORT.  
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## Message Attributes

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